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# FBI charges man with sale of classified photos, woman with spying for the Soviets

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FBI agents have arrested a grandson of a respected naval historian on charges of disclosing classified information while working as an analyst for the Naval Intelligence Support Center, the agency reported yesterday.

The FBI also announced the arrest of an East German woman on a charge of spying for the Soviet KGB arising from an unrelated investigation. Both arrests occurred Monday night, the FBI said.

Samuel Loring Morison, 40, of Crofton, was arrested at Dulles International Airport, the FBI said, while Alice Michelson, 67, was arrested at Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Mr. Morison is a grandson of the late Samuel Eliot Morison, a longtime Harvard University professor who won a Pulitzer Prize for history for his "Admiral of the Ocean Sea: A Life of Columbus" in 1943 and again in 1960 for his "John Paul Jones." He died in 1976.

The grandson was charged, in a complaint filed with a U.S. magistrate in Hyattsville, with selling three satellite photographs of a nuclear-powered Soviet aircraft carrier under construction to Jane's Defense Weekly, a London publication of the authoritative Jane's Fighting Ships.

The Associated Press transmitted photographs on its wires, crediting the Defense Weekly as the source. A picture was published in the United States last Aug. 8., showing the construction scene in a Soviet shipyard on the Black Sea.

The FBI said it joined with the Naval Investigative Service to begin an investigation the next day.

Mr. Morison was a part-time U.S. editor for Jane's Fighting Ships while working at the Naval Intelligence Center in Suitland, and "was probably acting for his own financial gain," an FBI spokesman said.

In London, a spokesman for Jane's Fighting Ships confirmed Mr. Morison contributed to the weekly publication but declined to say where the carrier photograph was obtained, according to the AP.

Mr. Morison was charged with violating the espionage statute, even though he was not working for a foreign government. Each count of the charge carries a top penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The photographs were considered sensitive because they may enable Soviet and other foreign intelligence agencies to discover the effectiveness of U.S. space cameras, sources said.

FBI and naval investigators said the photographs, stamped "Secret-Warning Notice: Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved," were taken between July 14 and July 20 and later were left in an intelligence support center office.

They were discovered to be missing on July 30, the agencies said.

Photo analysis confirmed that photographs published in this country and in Jane's Defense Weekly were copied from the stolen photos, their report said. It added that one of Mr. Morison's fingerprints was found on one photograph.

Investigators said they also found evidence of letters that Mr. Morison had written to Derek Wood, editor of Jane's Defense Weekly, promising to send him "items" at intervals and thanking him for a payment of an undisclosed amount.

The agents said Mr. Morison's part-time job with Jane's paid \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Morison denied in an interview that he had taken the photographs or provided them to Jane's, the agents said.

Mr. Morison appeared for a brief hearing in Alexandria yesterday morning before U.S. Magistrate W. Harris Grimsley, who set his bond at \$500,000. An attorney was appointed to represent him.

The FBI said papers filed in the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, N.Y., yesterday described events leading to Miss Michelson's arrest as she was prepared to leave the country, allegedly carrying classified information.

In these papers the FBI said Miss Michelson picked up a cigarette pack containing taped information from confidential government cables at Baltimore-Washington International Airport last Saturday from an Army sergeant who was pretending to work for Soviet intelligence agents.

The case began three years ago in West Germany, when a Soviet national identified as "Misha" approached the sergeant and asked him to work for the KGB, the FBI said. The sergeant pretended to go along with the scheme, but reported the contact to the Army Intelligence Command.

On KGB instructions, the sergeant applied for a job in Army intelligence and was assigned to Fort Meade, the FBI said.

Last May, he flew to Mexico City and met at the Soviet Embassy with a man named Konstantinov.

On Sept. 15, he returned to the embassy, where two KGB agents — "Misha" and a man known as "Dima" — paid him \$6,500 in cash and promised him an additional \$500 a month, the FBI said.

He telephoned Miss Michelson on Sept. 20 and arranged for last Saturday's meeting, the report said.